

Council Retreat October 29, 2005

City Council Budget Retreat --October 29, 2005



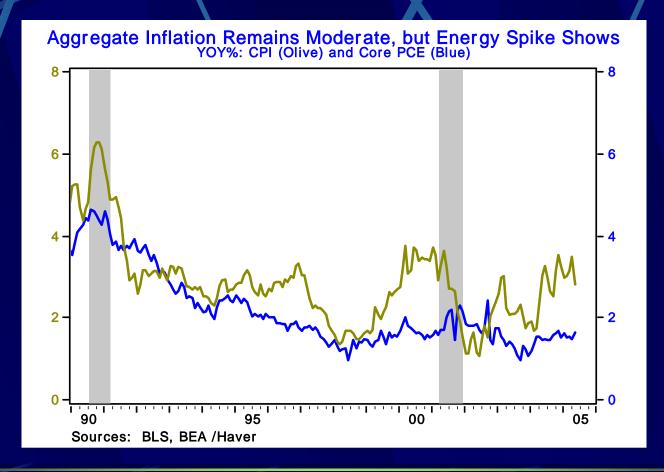
Introduction

- New Process Under Resolution 2150
 - Targets to be set by Council for FY 2007 budget
 - Extensive information and range of choices being presented to Council
 - Forecasts and estimates are preliminary
- Many forces driving the budget



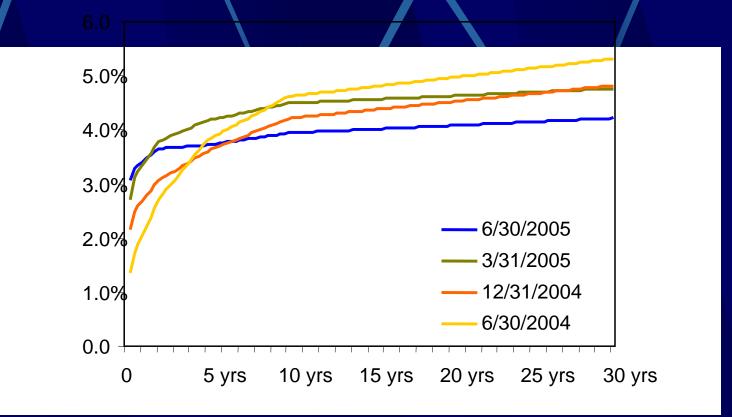
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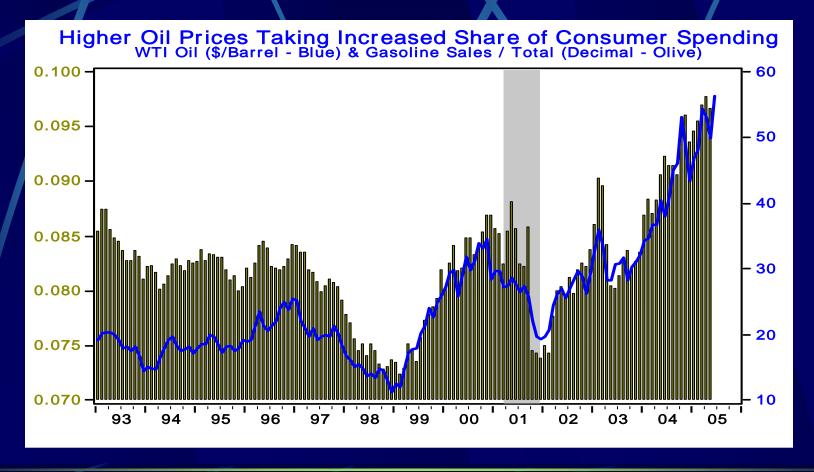
- Agenda for Budget Outlook Presentation
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 - Fiscal Trends
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 - Budget Target Setting Information
 - Budget Process Changes
 - Conclusion



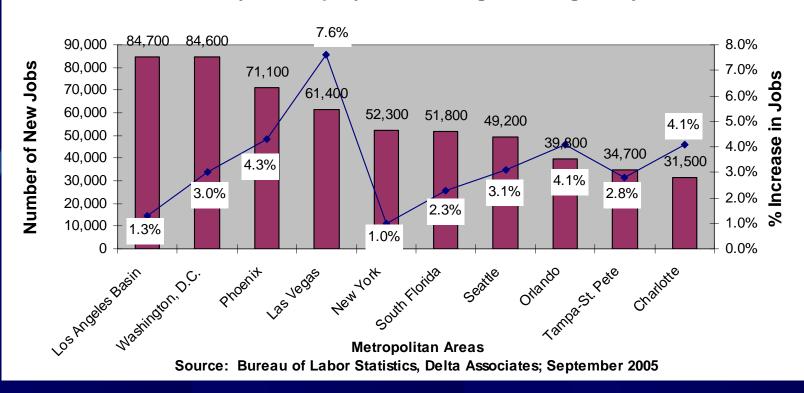


Interest Rates

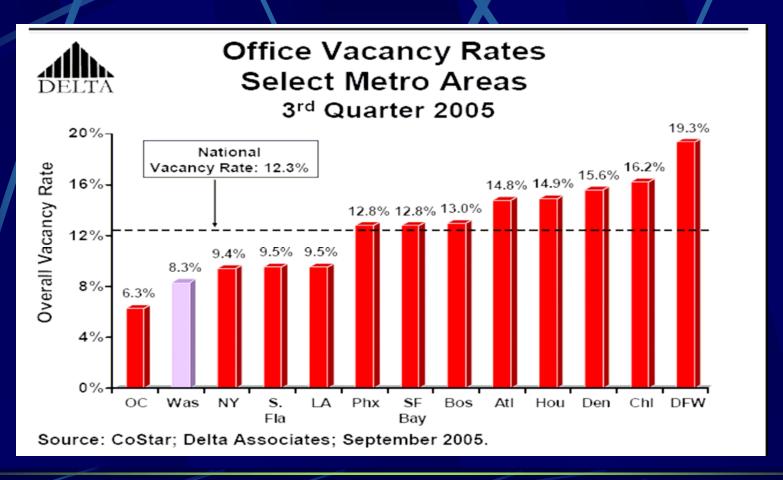




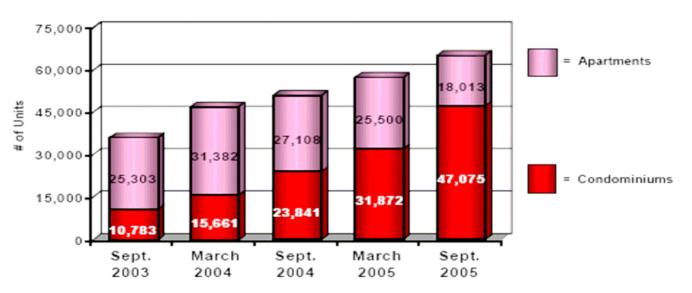
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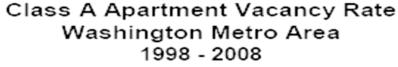


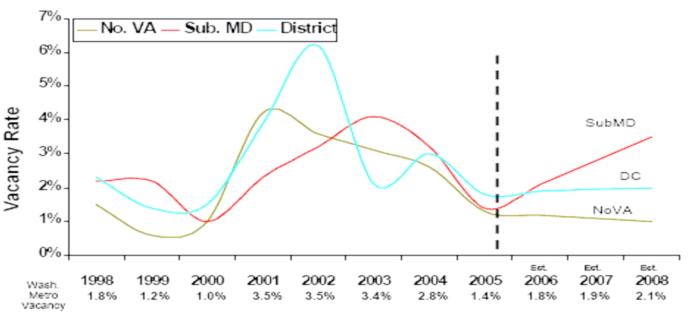


36-Month Multifamily Market Pipeline Washington Metro 2003 - 2005



Source: Delta Associates; September 30, 2005.



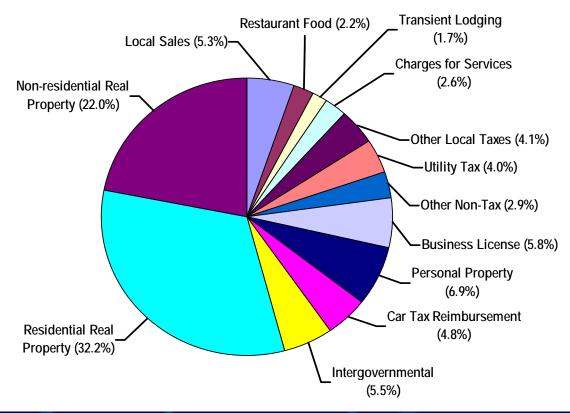


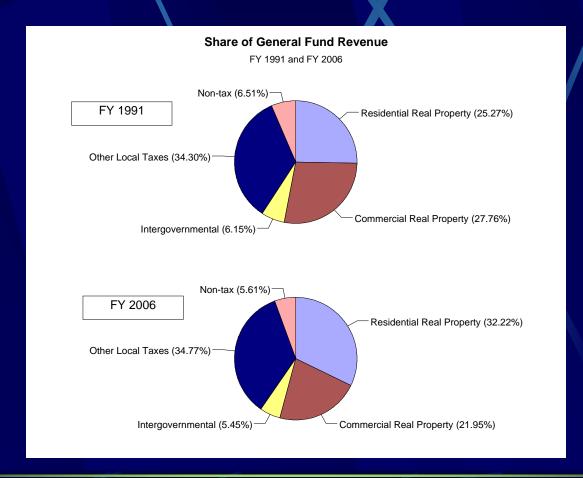
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Preliminary Economic and Revenue Outlook

FY 2006 COMBINED GENERAL FUND REVENUES, WHERE IT COMES FROM...







- 2006 Projected Real Estate Assessments
 - Based on 2005 sales and income/expense data
 - Mirror national and regional economic and housing trends
 - Residential assessment projections likely close to final numbers
 - Commercial and new construction assessments represent work in progress
 - Assessments will be issued on February 9

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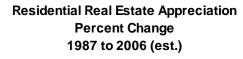
- 2006 Projected Real Estate Assessments
 - Single Family = +17%
 - Condominium = +22%
 - Average Residential = 18%

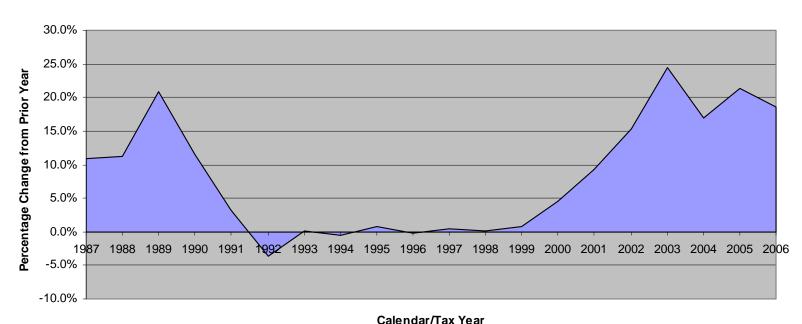
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- 2006 Projected Real Estate Assessments
 - Apartment = +15%
 - Office, Retail, Service = +16%
 - Other = +25%
 - Average Commercial = +16%

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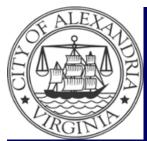
- 2006 Projected Real Estate Assessments
 - \$500 plus million approx. new growth = about +1.5%
 - Utilities and Other PSC = +8%
 - Total Tax Base Increase = +19%





- Targeted Real Estate Tax Relief (\$3.3 million)
 - In 2005 Relief was provided to
 - 966 Seniors and Disabled (\$ 2,826 ave.)
 - 1,033 AHOP grantees (\$518 ave.)
 - 252 @ \$275
 - 308 @ \$475
 - 473 @ \$675
 - Program criteria to be reviewed for expanded tax relief in 2006





- Residential Real Estate Prognostications
 - Fall like a brick?
 - Bubble about to burst?
 - Tiny bubbles?
 - Froth?
 - Soft Landing?
 - Flatten out?

- 2007 Projected Real Estate Assessments
 - Higher mortgage interest rates
 - Incomes not keeping up with home prices
 - Signs of market slowing
 - New condos at 5 year supply in pipeline
 - Fewer condo conversions

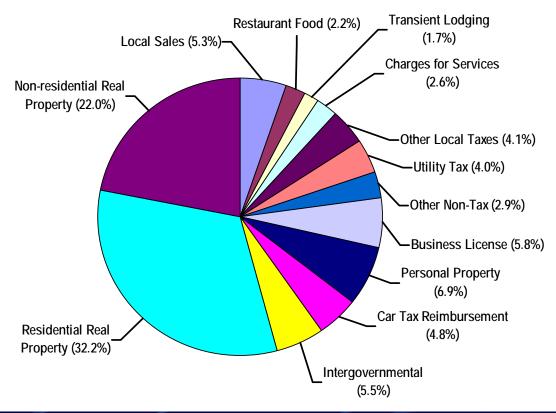
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- Personal Property Taxes
 - Recent state law changes
 - Reimbursement capped and may change
 % of tax bill relieved
 - Law also allows for tiered rates
 - Impact of law changes to be studied
 - Decline in car tax base?

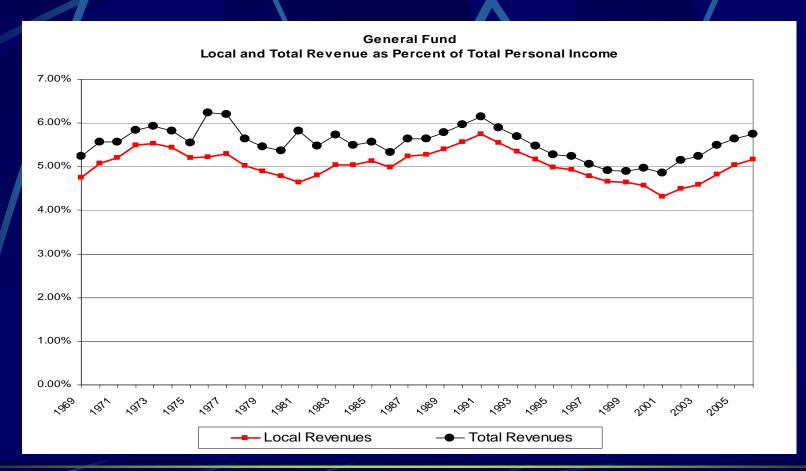
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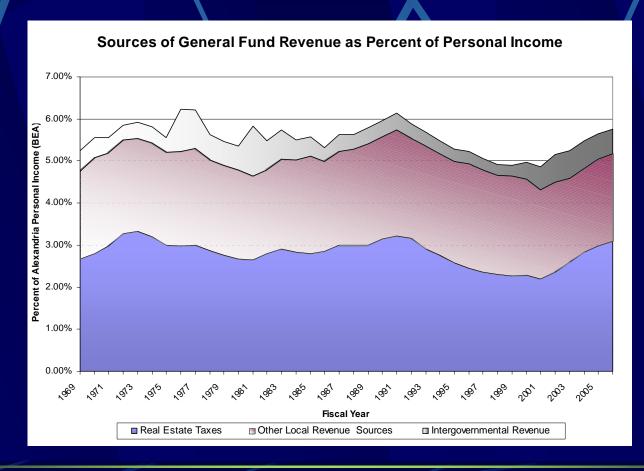
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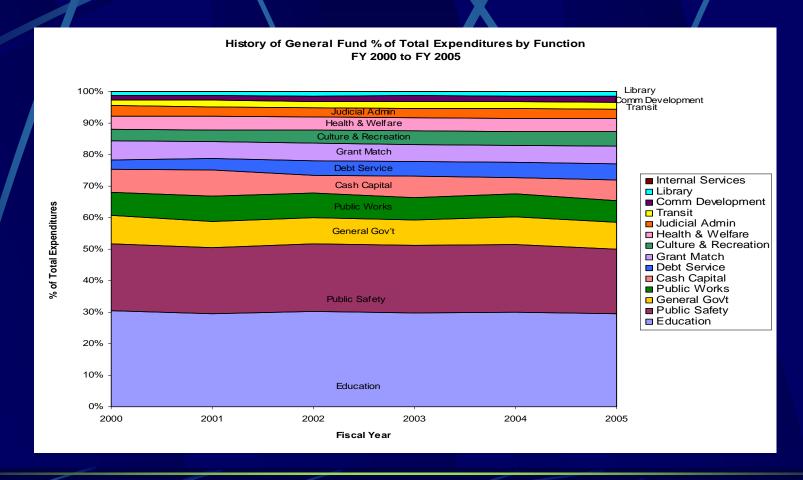




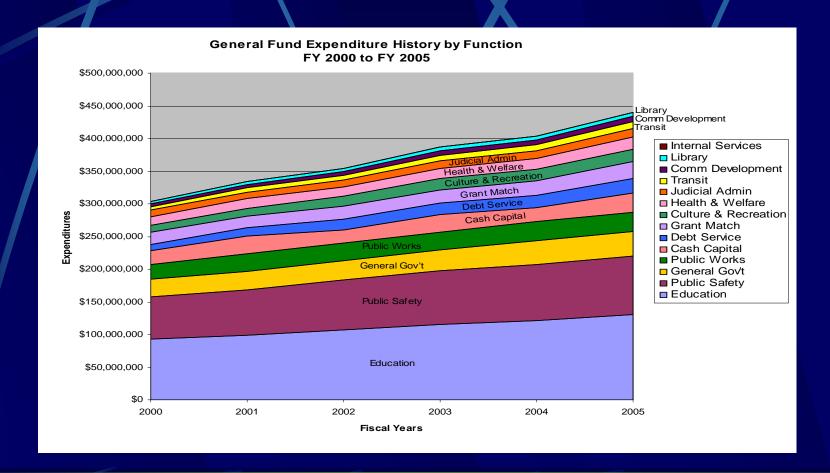






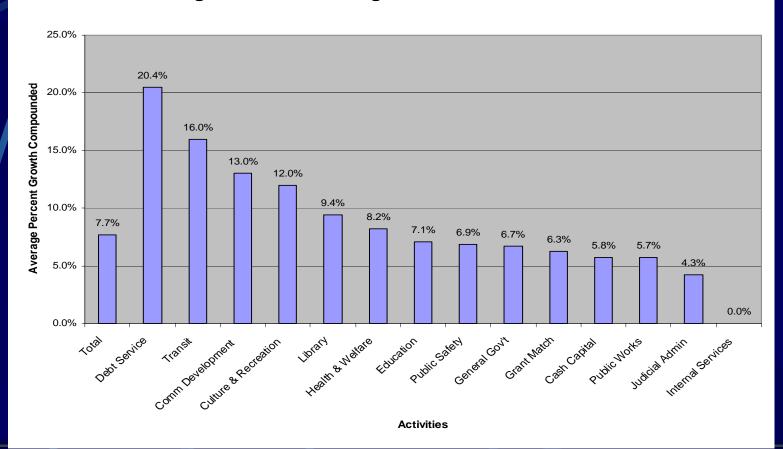




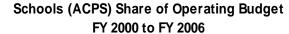


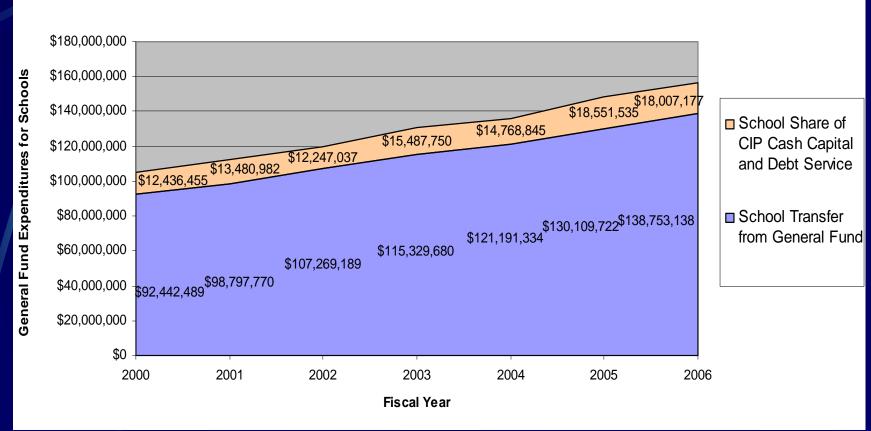


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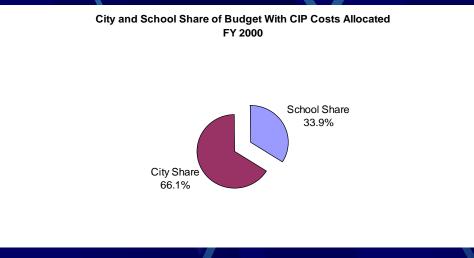


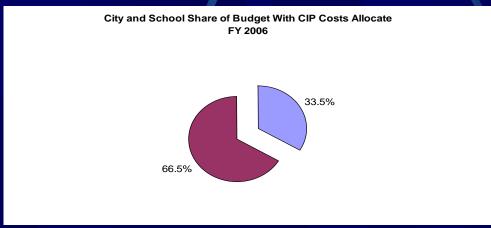












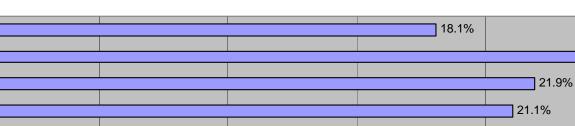


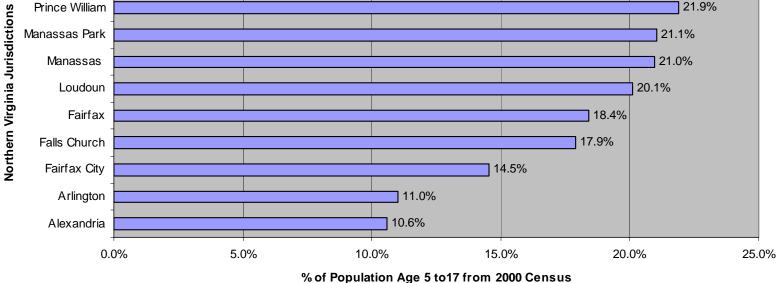
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Fiscal Trends

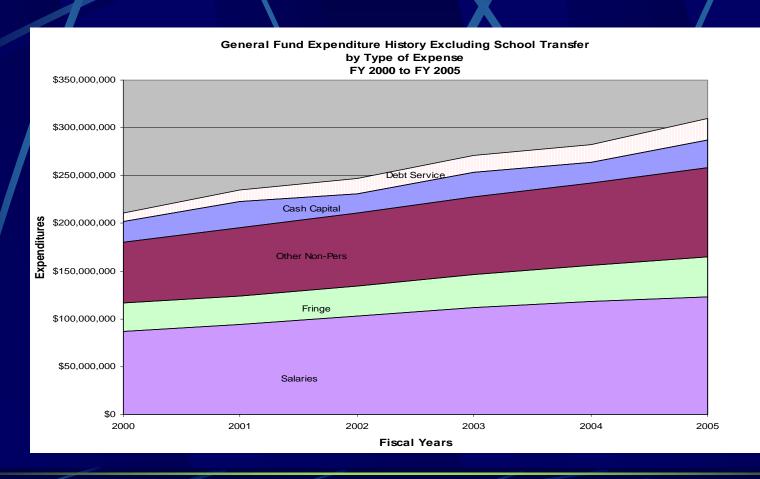
Relative Share of Population Age 5 to 17 in Northern Virginia



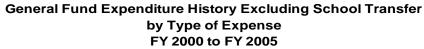


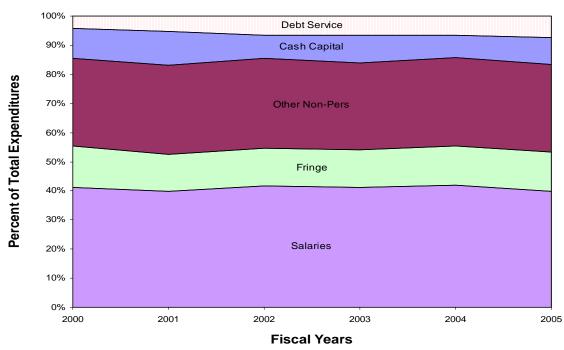
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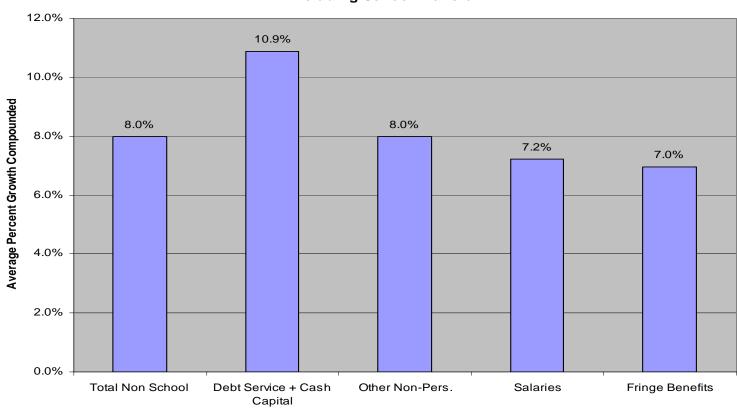






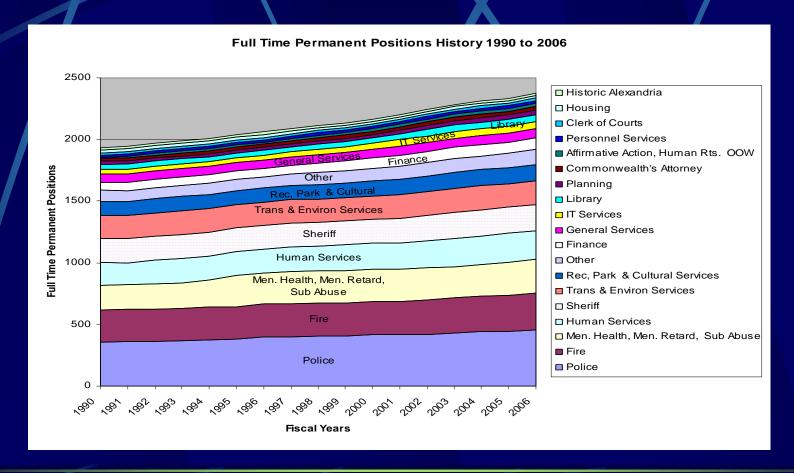


Average Annual Percentage Growth FY 2000 to FY 2005 Excluding School Transfer

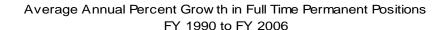


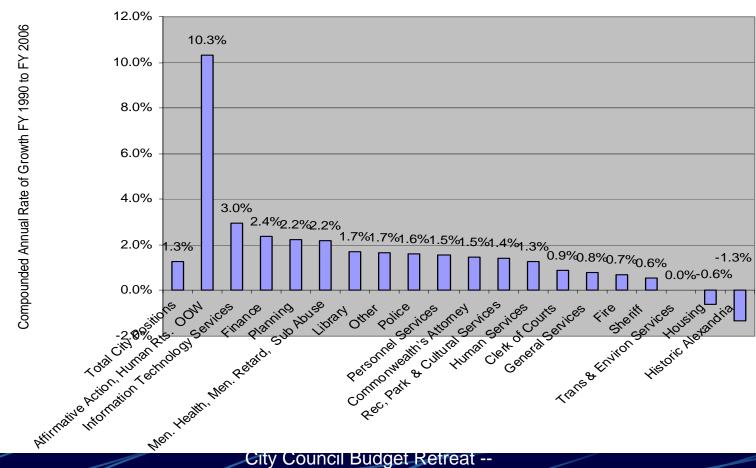
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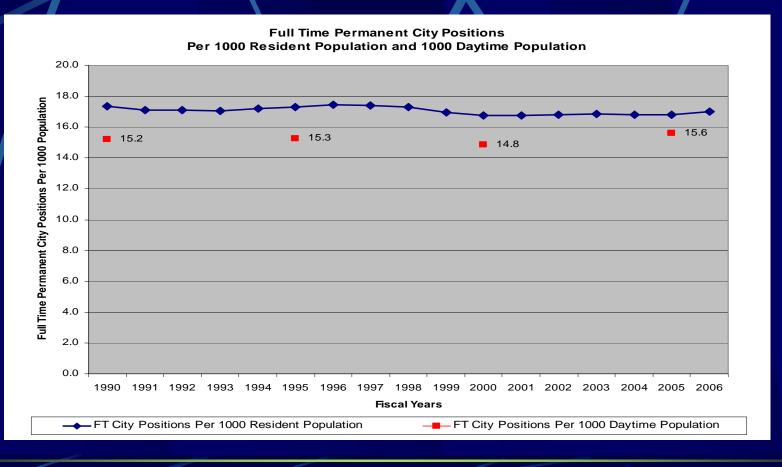




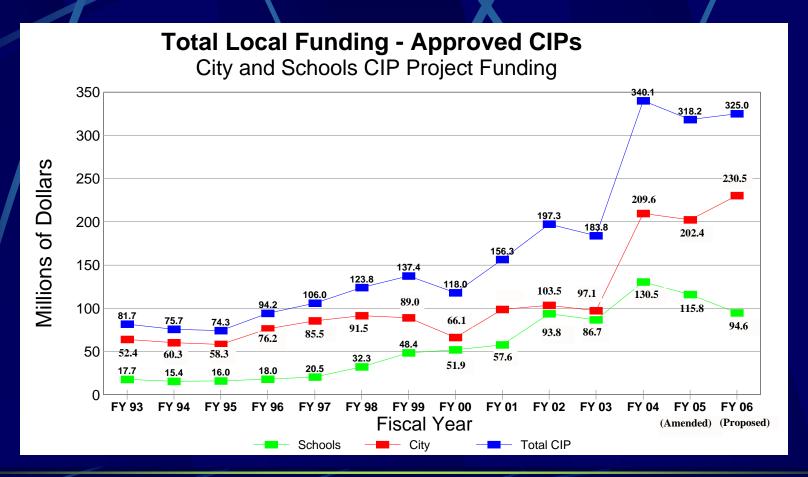








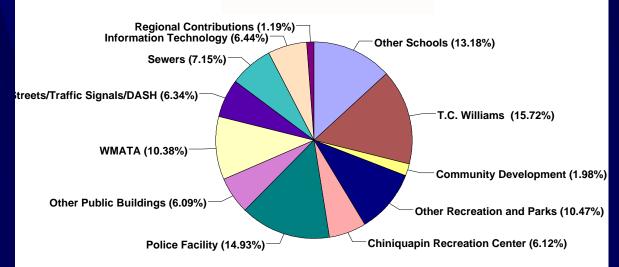






FY 2006 - 2011 Capital Improvement Program

Programs by Share





- Preliminary forecast of current services and policies baseline
- Answers question: What is needed to maintain current services and policies?
 - Meet uncontrollable cost increases
 - Meet legal requirements
 - Fulfill existing City Council policies



- Adjustments in FY 2006
 - Sworn Public Safety Officer Compensation +\$3.0 M
 - Fuel and energy cost increases + \$1.0 M
 - Medical Costs for Jail Inmates +\$0.25 M
 - Sanitary sewer shift to a separate fund to reflect new self-supporting nature of program
 - -\$2.8 M



	City Ops.	Transit	Schools	CIP	Total
FY 2006*	\$272.5 M	\$12.5 M	\$138.8 M	\$45.6 M	\$469.3 M
Adjustments to Baseline					
COLA if 3%	\$5.7 M		\$3.9 M		\$9.6 M
Merit Pay	\$3.5 M		\$3.5 M		\$7.0 M
VRS Retirement Charge	\$3.1 M		\$5.4 M		\$8.5 M



Adjustments to Baseline	City Ops.	Transit	Schools	CIP	Total
Health Insurance	\$2.4 M		\$1.9 M		\$4.3 M
Fuel and Energy	\$1.5 M		\$0.7M		\$2.2 M
Existing Contract Costs	\$1.3 M				\$1.3 M
Reserve and Special Ed. Teachers			\$0.9 M		\$0.9 M



Adjustments to Baseline	City Ops.	Transit	Schools	CIP	Total
Rent and Facility Maintenance	\$1.2 M				\$1.2 M
Grant Match Increase	\$1.1 M				\$1.1 M
Human Serv. Rev. Max Grant	\$1.0 M				\$1.0 M
Operating Cost of CIP	\$0.5 M				\$0.5 M



Adjustments to Baseline	City Ops.	Transit	Schools	CIP	Total
Vehicle and Equip.	\$0.5 M				\$0.5 M
METRO DASH Paratransit		\$1.5 M			\$1.5 M
Debt Service				\$1.9 M	\$1.9 M
Cash Capital				\$10.0 M	\$10.0 M



Adjustments to Baseline	City Ops.	Transit	Schools	CIP	Total
Use of FY 06 Surplus				-\$10.2 M	-\$10.2 M
Other Misc. Adjustments	\$0.8 M		\$3.4 M		\$4.2 M
Adjustments One Time Exp.			-\$3.7 M		-\$3.7 M
School Financing Changes			-\$1.9 M		-\$1.9 M



Adjustments to Baseline	City Ops.	Transit	Schools	CIP	Total
Sanitary Sewer (Self Funded)				-\$0.4 M	-\$0.4 M
Total Adj. To Baseline	\$22.8 M	\$1.5 M	\$14.0 M	\$1.4 M	\$39.7 M
% Increase to FY 2006 Adjusted Budget	8.4%	11.9%	10.1%	3.0%	8.5%



- Uncertainties
 - School enrollment
 - Fuel and Energy Costs
 - State and Federal Funding Availability for City and Schools
 - Health Insurance Costs
 - VRS Retirement Charges
 - Transit Subsidy Requirements



- City Operating Discretionary Program Increases
 - Under review by City Manager
 - May or may not be proposed to City Council
 - Grouped by strategic plan objectives



Discretionary Program Increases	City Ops.	Transit	Schools	CIP	Total
Public Safety	\$1.4 M				\$1.4 M
Transportation	\$0.3 M	Unknown			\$0.3 M
Environment	\$0.9M				\$0.9 M
Development Redevelopment	\$0.2 M				\$0.2 M
Caring Community	\$1.7 M				\$1.7 M



Discretionary Program Increases	City Ops.	Transit	Schools	CIP	Total
Efficiency, Sustainability	\$1.4 M				\$1.4 M
Education			\$2.9 M		\$2.9 M
CIP Net Increases				\$0.8 M	\$0.8 M
Efficiency Savings/Other Reductions	-\$0.7 M				-\$0.7 M
Use of Additional FY 06 Surplus				-\$2.9 M	-\$2.9 M



Discretionary Program Increases	City Ops.	Transit	Schools	CIP	Total
Total Disc. Prog. Increases or Decreases	\$5.2 M	Unknown	\$2.9 M	-\$2.1 M	\$6.0 M
% Increase to FY 2006 Adjusted Budget	1.9%	Unknown	2.1%	-4.6%	1.3%
Total \$ Requested	\$28.0 M	\$1.5 M	\$16.9 M	-\$0.7 M	\$45.6 M
Total % Increase	10.3%	11.9%	12.2%	-1.6%	9.7%

- Internal focus designed to accomplish many things
 - Seek efficiencies and savings
 - Improve services and quality
 - Improve timeliness
 - Challenge the status quo



- City-wide Administrative Process Improvements
 - 140 ideas suggestions under review to improve City-wide administrative processes and procedures



- Improvement Teams
 - Personnel Classification, Recruitment and Selection
 - Personnel Training
 - Purchasing
 - Facilities Management
 - Fleet Management



- Departmental Process Improvements
 - Ideas that focus mainly on departmentspecific improvements
 - Suggested by Departments during FY 2007 budget submissions
 - 60 ideas/suggestions being followed up



- Department Efficiency/Best Practice Studies
 - Conduct third-party efficiency reviews of selected City departments
 - Establish appropriate management metrics and benchmarks for every City department



- Types of issues to be studied may include:
 - Policies and procedures
 - Organizational structure
 - Staffing
 - Workloads
 - Budget Resources
 - Outputs
 - Service levels
- T&ES and Fire will be first departments studied



- T&ES contract awarded to Matrix Consulting Group
 - Scope to include Divisions of Administration, Engineering, Construction and Inspection, and Maintenance and Operations
 - Divisions of Transportation, Transit, and Environmental Quality will not be studied at this time
 - Report to be completed in early 2006



- Fire Department contract recently awarded to Management Advisory Group
 - Scope to include Fire Suppression, Fire Administration, Emergency Medical Services and Fire Communication
 - Code Enforcement and Emergency Management will not be studied at this point
 - Report to be completed in early 2006



- Second Fire Department contract previously awarded to TriData Group
 - To evaluate suitability of locations of existing fire stations
 - To assess the physical condition of existing Fire stations
 - To determine the need for any additional stations
 - To Study the optimum departmental staffing level to minimize overtime use
 - Report to be completed in late 2005



- Other departments will be studied
- Plan to improve performance measurement City-wide
 - Development of key City-wide performance measures
 - Improvement of Departmental performance measures
- CMO Citizen Advisory Committee



- These continuous improvement efforts may yield budget savings in the short term or in the long term
 - Too early to quantify many possible budget savings
- These improvements also may yield improved services at no extra cost

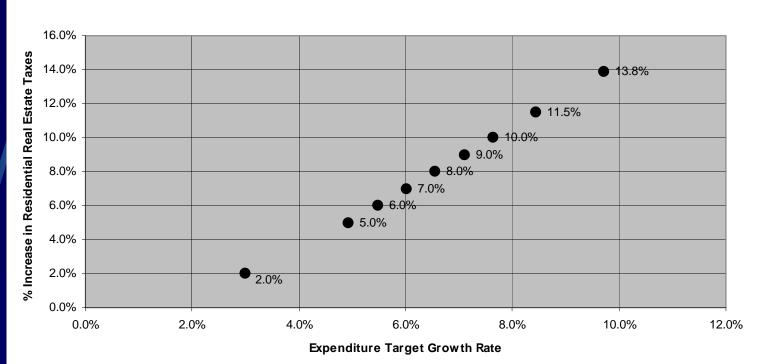


- Specific Expenditure Reductions Under Review
 - Departmental suggestions for \$0.7 M in specific savings under consideration by City Manager
 - Other saving proposals possible
 - Still a work in progress



Information for Setting Budget Targets

Rate of Growth in Residential Real Estate Taxes (Existing Properties) Required at Various Target Rates of Growth in Expenditures





Information for Setting Budget Targets

Scenario	A Full Funding All Requests	B Full Funding Current Services	C 10% RRE Tax Growth	D 9.0% Tax Growth	E 8.0% Tax Growth	F 7.0% RRE Tax Growth	G 6.0% RRE Tax Growth	H 5.0% RRE Tax Growth	l 3.0% Exp. Growth
Growth in Exp.%	9.7%	8.5%	7.6%	7.1%	6.6%	6.0%	5.5%	4.9%	3.0%
Growth in Ave. Res. R.E. Taxes	13.8%	11.5%	10.0%	9.0%	8.0%	7.0%	6.0%	5.0%	2.0%
RE Tax Rate Reduction	-3.6	-5.4	-6.5	-7.3	-8.1	-8.9	-9.6	-10.4	-12.7
% of Current Services not Funded	0%	0%	1.1%	1.9%	2.6%	3.4%	4.2%	5.0%	7.4%
\$ reduction to Current Services required	\$0	\$0	\$5.5 M	\$9.3 M	\$13.1 M	\$16.8 M	\$20.6 M	\$24.4 M	\$35.8 M
\$ available for Disc. Supps.	\$6.0 M	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



Information for Setting Budget Targets

- Possible Strategies
 - Postpone discretionary program increases
 - Reduce COLA
 - Set health insurance cost containment objective
 - Further diversify revenues
 - Freeze local funding for grant supported programs
 - Make targeted program/service level reductions
 - Reduce/Defer CIP expenditures
 - Issue more bonds for CIP expenditures

Hypothetical Reduction Options

Scenario	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	/ н	1
	Full	Full	10% RRE	9.0%	8.0%	7.0%	6.0%	5.0%	3.0%
	Funding	Funding	Tax Growth	Tax Growth	Tax Growth	RRE Tax	RRE Tax	RRE Tax	Ехр.
	All	Current				Growth	Growth	Growth	Growth
	Request s	Services							
Expenditure Growth	9.7%	8.5%	7.6%	7.1%	6.6%	6.0%	5.5%	4.9%	3.0%
Target									
Eliminate Disc. Prog. Increases									
City	NA	-\$5.2 M	-\$5.2 M	-\$5.2 M	-\$5.2 M	-\$5.2 M	-\$5.2 M	-\$5.2 M	-\$5.2 M
Schools	NA	-\$2.9 M	-\$2.9 M	-\$2.9 M	-\$2.9 M	-\$2.9 M	-\$2.9 M	-\$2.9 M	-\$2.9 M
CIP	NA	-\$0.8 M	-\$0.8 M	-\$0.8 M	-\$0.8 M	-\$0.8 M	-\$0.8 M	-\$0.8 M	-\$0.8 M
Eliminate Planned					\				
Increase in Cash Cap.	NA	NA	-\$4.4 M	-\$9.3 M	-\$10.0 M	-\$10.0 M	-\$10.0 M	-\$10.0 M	-\$10.0 M
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Reduce3% COLA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-\$3.0 M	-\$6.8 M	-\$9.6 M	-\$9.6 M	-\$9.6 M
Other Op. Program	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-\$1.0 M	-\$4.7 M	-\$17.7 M
and/or CIP Reductions									
Reduction required from Requests	\$0	-\$8.9 M	-\$14.4 M	-\$18.2 M	-\$21.9 M	-\$25.7 M	-\$29.5 M	-\$33.2 M	-\$46.2 M



Budget Process Changes

- October 4 Memo to Council Outlines Changes
 - To Budget Documents
 - To Budget Work Sessions
 - To Budget Memos
 - To BFAAC Report
 - To Add-Delete Process



Budget Process Changes

- FY 2007 Budget Schedule
 - November 9 Council establishes budget target levels for FY 2007
 - January 31 School Board finalizes operating budget
 - February 14 City Manager submits proposed Operating Budget and CIP
 - Mid Feb to Mid March Work sessions with City Staff



Budget Process Changes

- March 18 Effective Tax Rate Public Hearing
- Late March Budget Public Hearing
- Joint School Board/City Council Work Session
- March 30 BFAAC report delivered
- April 3 BFAAC work session
- April 17 Preliminary Add-Delete Work Session
- April 24 Budget and Tax Rate Adoption by Council



Conclusion

- All estimates are preliminary and subject to change
 - New revenue estimates will be issued with proposed budget in February
 - Cost to maintain current services will change
 - CIP program under review
 - All elements of budget still under review by City Manager, School Superintendent and School Board



Conclusion

- City Staff committed:
 - To provide a budget that meets targets
 - To inform Council of impact of meeting those targets
 - To provide a "cafeteria menu" of options on both the revenue and expenditure sides of the budget